Export of pulses

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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that export of pulses is increasing continuously in the past few years in the country inspite of the fact that their availability is lesser than the requirement;

(b) if so, the quantity and the value of the pulses which were exported out of the country during the years 2001-02, 2002-03, 2003-04 and till the month of December, 2004-05; and

(c) the amount given to the Government in the form of taxes in each of the aforesaid period as a result of this export?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The export of pulses has not increased continuously in the past few years as may be seen from the export data given below:

Years	Quantity (MTs)	Value (Rs. lakhs)
2001-02	1,60,979	37,041
2002-03	1,48,084	34,502
2003-04	1,50,991	32,257
2004-05*	1,61,073	35,841

Source: DGCI&S *April—November, 2004

(c) The amount of cess collected by way of levy on pulse exports are as under:

Years	Amount collected (Rs. lakhs)
2001-02	185.025
2002-03	172.510
2003-04	161.285
2004-05	179.205

SOURCE : APEDA

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